



As we write this letter it is the final day of 2014 and it causes us to reflect on the many miles travelled and countries visited this past year. The Lord allowed us to minister in Mexico in February, the Philippines in March and May, Saipan in June, Micronesia in July and Benin in August and December. We're so thankful for those who heard the gospel in these places and especially for those who are now God's children as a result. It makes all those miles traveled well worth it!

Jack and the Benin team just returned ten days ago with amazing stories of God's grace. In the outlying village of Mamassie, a pregnant woman came to our clinic bleeding heavily. It was truly an emergency to get this mother of eleven children immediately to a place where she could get a transfusion and more extensive care. Our team rushed her over the bad roads of the Beninese interior to a government hospital. God so mercifully spared her



Treating Baby with Cerebral Malaria

life and returned her to her family and village. Another case presented itself as an unresponsive one year old child with cerebral malaria was seen. After starting an IV, a trip to a local clinic ensued. The baby was treated for this serious condition and responded well. The team was very excited about this!

The third case is still unresolved as we write this letter. A woman came to our mobile clinic in the village of Boiffo (where we are building our permanent clinic) with a deep, extensive, ulcerated wound on her foot, exposing the bone. The problem had begun three weeks earlier as a result of either a snake or spider bite. Because she was not receiving adequate care locally, infection was spreading to the point where losing the foot was a real possibility. At a minimum, she needed a skin graft and IV antibiotics. Our team offered to transport her and even pay for her care at Bembereke, a Christian hospital three hours distance from this village. As a side note, the hospital at Bembereke was started years ago by the late GFA missionary Dr. John Dreisbach. We found out later that the family refused to bring her there, fearing that she might have her foot amputated. Without proper treatment, there is a real possibility that she could lose her life if the infection continues to spread. Would you pray along with us that the medicine that our team was able to provide her with would be used by the Lord to heal this terrible sore?

As a result of treating these individuals, as well as many others with more "routine" illnesses, we are more anxious than ever to see construction move forward on the clinic at Boiffo. To date, the



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perimeter wall around the property is nearly complete, the well is finished and waiting for the solar pump to be installed, the foundation has been completed and the rough plumbing has been installed. The pouring of the floor has been somewhat delayed by the inability to secure a piece of equipment to pack and level the soil (no Home Depot rentals here!). Following the pouring of the floor the preliminary electrical work can begin and the walls will soon be going up. The water tower to provide needed water for the clinic during the dry season is nearly finished. As of now, our projected completion date of August 2015 is still a real possibility.

While the work on the clinic building is taking place in Benin, the search for needed supplies and equipment continues Stateside. It is exciting to see more and more needed items from our list appearing! (If you are interested in receiving a list of needed equipment you can contact the mission office by email or phone, using the information at the bottom of this letter). From the very beginning God has been so gracious to provide for this project whether it be the needed funds or workers or equipment. We can sense that many are praying as things continue to fall into place. Please don't stop! There is so much more work that needs to be done and safety is always a concern. We appreciate your bringing all of this before the Throne of Grace. God's blessing has been evident and we are mindful that this is a spiritual endeavor as well as a medical one. It is amazing that we have gotten this far so quickly. There is no other explanation than the good hand of God upon this work! How we praise Him for making this possible!

On January 31, our next team will go out to Hermosillo, Mexico. Our work will be in villages outside of the city of Hermosillo. In the past, similar villages have been very open to the gospel. Please uphold us as we labor there to bring many in contact with the gospel.

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry. Your prayers are the power behind the work!

Sincerely in Christ,

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Plumbing Work at the Benin Clinic

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